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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PREAMENDMENT

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For: PROCESS FOR ASSEMBLING AT LEAST TWO CONSTITUENT  
METAL PARTS IN ORDER TO CREATE A STRUCTURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, immediately following the title, please insert the  
following sentence: --This is a nationalization of PCT/BE00/00080  
A1 filed July 5, 2000 and published in French. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4-9 and 11-13 as follows:

Sub 3 A. (amended) Assembly process according to Claim 1, characterized  
A2 in that the ratio of the radius of the hem (4) to the sum of the  
thicknesses of the various parts one wishes to assemble along the  
junction section is between 2 and 10.

5. (amended) Assembly process according to Claim 1, characterized